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The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on Oct. 28, 2003, was filed after the mailing date of the final Office action on Aug. 13, 2003. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. (The examiner notes that the Office charged the Deposit Acct. 13-0410 the required fee of \$180.00, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p), to place the IDS in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97(d).) Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner.

The reference printed in "6001 Chemical Abstracts" listed on the form PTO-1449 filed in the IDS was crossed-out by the examiner because applicants did not provide the Czech patent entitled "Purification of the 1:2-chromium complex . . . "
Applicants only provided the <u>Chemical Abstracts</u> abstract, No. 111:98957a, describing the Czech patent. The examiner has considered the abstract and properly listed the abstract on the attached form PTO-892.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janis L. Dote whose telephone number is (571) 272-1382. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday.

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